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Assignment: Each student will find an article that specifically relates to a current health issue addressing the issue of texting/cellphone use among teens. After finding an article that sparks your interest, you will post a summary and opinion of the article on the wiki and then comment on another student’s original post.

**Potential Topics:** - Thumb injury - Neck/Back injury - Walking injury - Changes to the Brain

**-** Loss of Communication Skills - Addiction - Constantly Connected

**No Car Accident Articles!!**

**Online Discussion Assignment: Between Monday (10/1) and Tuesday (10/2) each student must make 2 posts following the guidelines listed below.**  
  
**Directions:** FIRST: Make sure you put your name at the beginning of your post (for grading purposes)

**Post #1: You must make one original or New Post:**

First, travel to the wiki and then click on the link on the left for the class period that you are in.

To make an original post, click on the small icon to the right of the “Edit” button at the top of the page. Then click: “New Post” and enter a relevant subject title so your classmates will know whether or not they want to comment on your post. Then write your message in the box below the subject line. A subject title like “I send 25,000 texts a month!” will likely get more comments than “Cellphones and Injuries” (snoreville☺)

**The Post Must Include:**

* A paragraph **summary of the article** you selected. Summary should be clear, specific, and provide a thorough depiction of the entire article. **The summary should answer the questions of who, what, where, when, and why.**

**Example:** On July 19th, 2010(**when)**, the city of Portland, ME(**where)** enacted a ban on smoking(**what)** in outside dining areas of all restaurants and bars to limit secondhand smoke exposure for non-smoking patrons.(**why)**. This ban will begin immediately and likely will impact smokers, non-smokers, and restaurant owners. (**who)**

* A paragraph that **discusses your opinion** of the article and issue being addressed: Do you agree, disagree? Does this make you consider your own habits or the habits of friends/family? Implications for society, new legislation, or teen growth and development?

**Post #2: Comment on another student’s article summary and opinion statement**

**The Comment/Post Should:**

* Be a paragraph that addresses your classmate’s ideas or the information presented in the article, but also offer and discuss your own opinion about the issue being discussed.

**Grading:** The rubric on the next page will be used for grading purposes. Posts will be graded on a thirty point scale. This assignment will count as a quiz grade.